

Dear Band Directors,

I hope this message finds you well and that your new year is off to a fantastic start. I am reaching out to extend an invitation to you and your talented band students (grades 9-12) to participate in the OMEA District 13 Honor Band, scheduled for February 14th, 2026.

Our honor band event stands out in our region due to the unique opportunities it offers your students. The day will be filled with engaging rehearsals held in the Adrienne C. Nelson Band room and Auditorium, enlightening sectionals led by local musicians, and chances for students to form connections with fellow music enthusiasts from the surrounding areas. The evening will be a joint concert featuring both the Honor Band and the Honor Choir.

Upon arrival, students will be provided with breakfast snacks, lunch, and dinner. Honor band placement is determined by director nominations, which can be submitted online at <https://sites.google.com/nclack.k12.or.us/omea13/home>. On this page, you will find a Student Information and Permission form to facilitate the registration process. We kindly request that you submit the digital permission form for the event. The registration fee for all accepted students is \$40, covering all meals and a festival T-Shirt.

To secure a spot for your students, please make your nominations by Friday January 10th. We encourage you to act promptly to ensure participation in this enriching musical experience.

Thank you for your dedication to fostering musical excellence in your students, and we look forward to welcoming you and your talented musicians to the OMEA District 13 Honor Band.

#### Tentative Honor Band Schedule

**Friday**

7:00 - 10:00 pm - setup Adrienne C. Nelson band/stage (nelson band students and parents only)

**Saturday**

8:00-8:30 Check in (breakfast snacks)

8:30am - Welcome

9-10:30am - first rehearsal

10:35-10:45 am - first break

10:50-11:50 am - second rehearsal

12:00 - lunch (commons)

1:00 - 2:30pm - sectionals

2:35-2:45pm - break

2:50 - 5pm - third rehearsal

5:05 - 5:35pm - Dinner

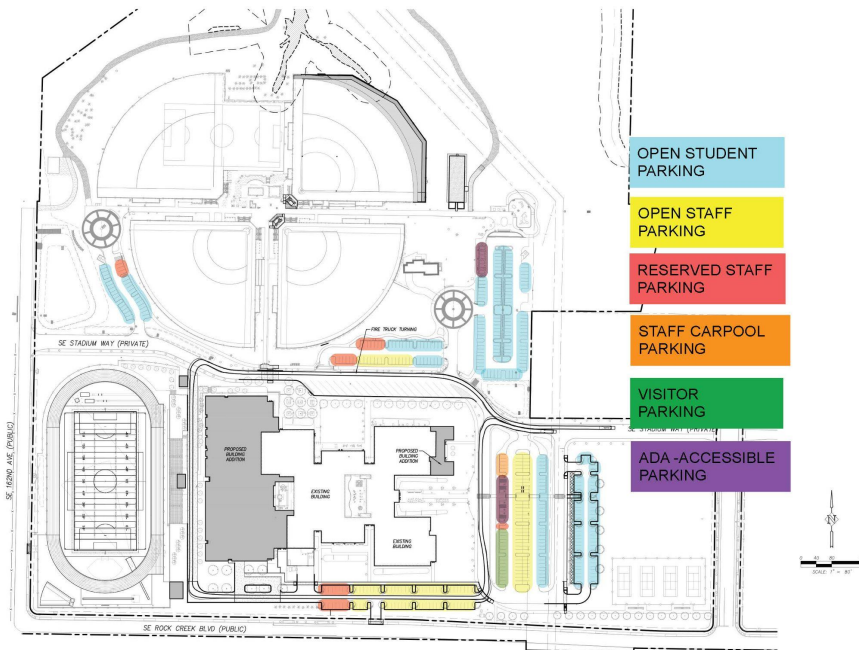
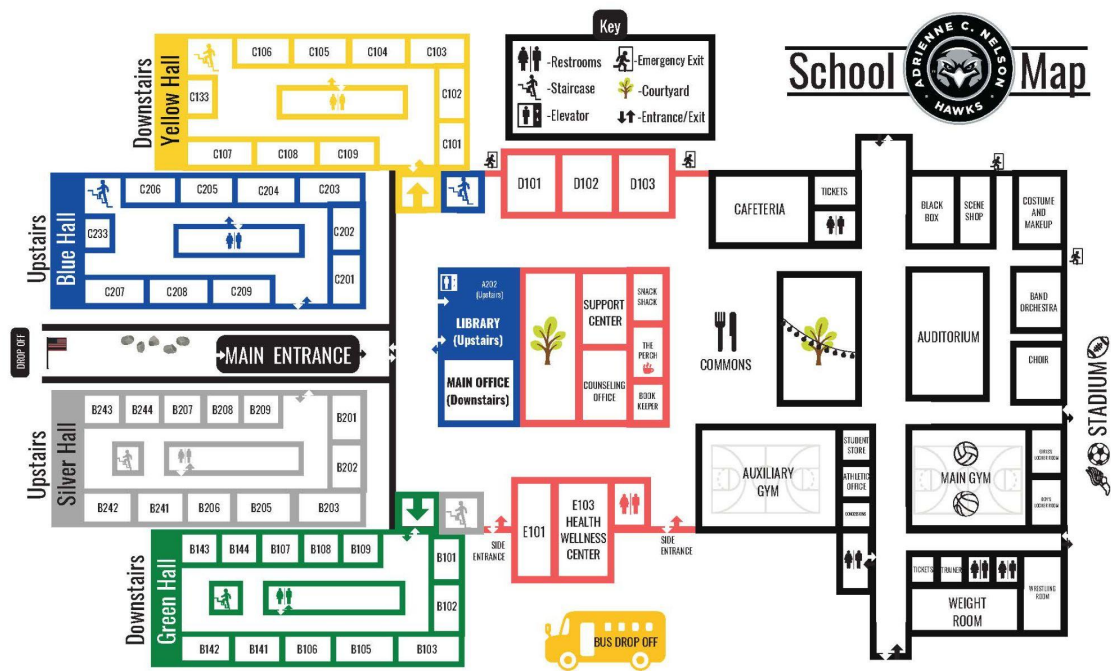
6:30 - sound check on stage

7pm - concert.

Thank you for your consideration,

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District 13 Honor Band coordinator

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## **District 13 Honor Band Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Concert Attire**

Students should wear their normal performance attire that they wear for home concerts. If unsure, check with your home director or wear standard concert black.

### **What should I bring?**

Students should bring their instrument and any accessories they may need for the weekend (reeds, valve oil etc.) and their concert attire. Everything else will be provided.

### **When will I receive my music?**

Your director will receive copies of your music by January so that you can begin practicing before the honor band.

### **Do I need to bring printed copies of my music?**

No, we will have hard copies of all music for you when you arrive.

### **Can I audition for a music scholarship?**

Yes! Mention this as you check in and we will schedule a time for you to audition at some point throughout the weekend. P.S. Did you know that all students are eligible for music scholarships?